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The first number on the scientific program consisted of a paper on "Some midwinter algae of Long Island Sound," by Dr. Marshall A. Howe. The paper will be published in full in June TORREYA.

The second paper was presented by Dr. Michael Levine on "The origin and development of lamellae in *Coprinus micaceus*." Adjournment followed.

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#### NEWS ITEMS

The board of trustees and the director of the Missouri Botanical Garden have issued invitations to the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the garden, to be held in St. Louis, October fifteenth and sixteenth. Addresses will be made by the director, Dr. G. T. Moore, and by many visiting botanists. Some of the foreign speakers, who include professors Wille, Lipsky, Briquet, Czapek, Fitting and Klebs, may have difficulty in reaching St. Louis on account of the war, but "it is known that all of those on the program will make every effort to come." The celebration will not be postponed. Besides the speeches the celebration includes inspection of the buildings and grounds, a motor trip through the city, and a dinner by the trustees to invited guests at the Liederkranz Club.

Professor Guy West Wilson, who during the past year has been employed by the Federal Government as an agent of the laboratory of forest pathology in the investigation of the chestnut bark disease in cooperation with Dr. Mel T. Cook of the New Jersey Experiment Station, has been appointed to the newly created chair of mycology and plant pathology in the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, Iowa, with the rank of assistant professor.